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During March 1952, Tudeh Party publications and propaganda activist Ibrahim Rahmani and a colleague visited Isfahan, Shiraz, and Yazd for the purpose of organizing youth meetings. As a result, several youth representatives from those cities attended the Tudeh-sponsored Democratic Youth public meeting of 28 March 1952 in Tehran (against "United States bacteriological warfare in Korea"), which terminated in a riot that cost the lives of several participants.

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1.  Comment. It is of possible significance to note that provincial members of the Tudeh took part in the Tehran demonstration. This is the first such instance that has been reported, except for demonstrations in which participants have come from villages near Tehran. It is possible that the Party felt the need of giving certain provincial members demonstration practice or riot baptism by way of training. Special significance is attached to this thesis in view of reports that the Tudeh planned provincial as well as Tehran demonstrations on May Day.

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